

**RULE 1.116 AMENDMENT**  
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**GROUP ART UNIT 1641**

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**AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO FEBRUARY 9, 2004**  
**FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

This Amendment is submitted in response to the February 9, 2004 Final Office Action issued by the United States Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above-identified application. A response to the February 9, 2004 Final Office Action is due May 9, 2004. Since May 9, 2004 falls on a Sunday, a response filed Monday, May 10, 2004, is to be considered timely. Accordingly, this Amendment is being timely filed.